them to the former Soviet naval base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has helped India in protecting the Indian Ocean?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Two Russian ships Admiral Vinogradov and Admiral Panteleev visited Mumbai at the invitation of the Indian Navy to participate in the International Fleet Review held at Mumbai, in February, 2001. The ships were accompanied by a tanker, Vladimir Koleshinsky. The ships departed Mumbai on 20th February, 2001.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

Acquisition of inflight refuelling capacity for fighter bombers

5123. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is set to acquire an in-flight refuelling capability for its fighter-bombers;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) An agreement has been signed in February, 2001 with Uzbekistan for procurement of six IL-78 Flight Refuelling Aircraft (FRA). These aircrafts would be delivered by December, 2003.

New Nomenclature of M/s. Bofors

5124. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bofors Gun Manufacturing Company of Sweden has changed its name;